

## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, November 3, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, November 3, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez  
Jim Holley  
Mohamed Okdie  
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**  
Arthur Blackwell II

##### **Department Personnel Present**

AC Walter Martin  
DC Chester Logan  
DC Tony Saunders  
Cmdr. James Tolbert  
Cmdr. Morris Wells  
Sgt. Joanna Ali-Johnson  
Sgt. Melanie Long-Thomas  
Sgt. Anthony Topp  
P.O. Michael Woody  
P.O. Kent Cooper

##### **Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director **(ABS)**  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. Walters  
William Adams  
Ron Scott  
Media

## **RECORDERS**

Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Ramirez** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:22 p.m.

**Chairperson Ramirez** acknowledged the presence of Board members and staff.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked for a moment of silence for Ms. Rosa Louise Parks and to continue carrying on her legacy.

**Comm. Blackwell** stated he would like to echo what Chairperson Ramirez has said. He stated Detroit has always been in the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement. He stated he would like to take of his hat to the Mayor, Chief and all the law enforcement agencies for a great job during the homecoming of Ms. Parks.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for October were tabled.

### **3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

There was no report from the chair.

### **4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS**

## **SUSPENSION**

On October 29, 2005, at approximately 4:00 a.m. Force Investigation was notified of an allegation of misconduct on the part of a Police Officer Gregory Jones. More specifically, the allegation concerned Officer Jones involvement in an off-duty shooting, fleeing the scene thereof, failing to take police action,

and/or failing to make notifications. As a result, Force Investigation initiated an investigation.

All of the below-described events were captured on compact disc.

On October 29, 2005, at approximately 1:50 a.m., Officer Jones was inside of Rosie O'Grady's Bar, located at 22400 Grand River in the City of Detroit, with his sister and an unidentified male (hereinafter subject 1). Also, a laid-off Detroit police officer was working door security (hereinafter door security guard).

At the same time, outside of Rosie O'Grady's Bar (hereinafter Bar), approximately five (5) males were being denied entry thereto because the Bar was closing. As a result, and in an attempt to gain entry, the five (5) males began pushing and shoving the door and struggling with the door security guard. Several Bar security guards responded to the altercation, as did Officer Jones. Officer Jones identified himself as an off-duty Detroit police officer and ordered the five (5) males to leave the location. The five (5) males, however, continued to shove on the door.

While all of the above is transpiring, Officer Jones' sister is seen observing from the hallway.

Shortly thereafter, Officer Jones leaves the Bar and proceeds to the driver's side of his vehicle where he appears to reach under the driver's front seat three (3) times and place an object in his waist band.

As Officer Jones is reaching under the seat, the aforementioned five (5) males are milling about the parking lot.

Officer Jones then proceeds to the rear of his vehicle where he opens the trunk and removes an AR-15 assault rifle and loads it with an extended (banana) clip. Armed with the AR-15 assault rifle, Officer Jones walks over to an unidentified individual.

Officer Jones is then rushed by the five (5) males who slam him into the passenger side of his vehicle while struggling to obtain the AR-15. The physical altercation moves from the passenger side of Officer Jones' vehicle to the rear thereof, where one of the five (5) males (hereinafter victim 1) continues to struggle with Officer Jones while the remaining disburse about the parking lot.

While Officer Jones is struggling with victim 1, Officer Jones' sister is seen observing from the passenger side of Officer Jones' vehicle with subject 1. Officer Jones' sister then exchanges an object with subject 1 that appears to be a handgun, whereupon subject 1 begins shooting. A few seconds later,

subject 1 walks around Officer Jones' vehicle and shoots victim 1 while victim 1 is still struggling with Officer Jones.

Injured victim 1, proceeds to his personal vehicle and leaves the location. Shortly thereafter, a traffic stop is effectuated on victim 1 due to his erratic driving. The officers discover that victim 1 is suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest and he is conveyed to Botsford Hospital and subsequently is medivaced to University of Michigan Hospital where he remains in critical condition.

As victim 1 is fleeing to his vehicle, subject 1 continues to shoot.

As victim 1 leaves the parking lot, subject 1 continues to shoot.

Officer Jones is present and in close proximity to the shooter while the shooting is on going.

Officer Jones then meets with his sister and an object is exchanged and they stand around in the parking lot for a few seconds. His sister then walks away, walking around a white storage area, to the end of the alley.

Officer Jones then gets into his vehicle and proceeds through the parking lot to the alley exit where he sits in his vehicle for a period of time, adjacent to where his sister is now standing talking with an unidentified male. Officer Jones' sister then appears to enter the passenger side back door of Officer Jones' vehicle.

As Officer Jones is turning left into the alley adjacent to the parking lot, a Detroit Police Department scout car arrives at the scene, approximately twenty (20) feet from where Officer Jones exits the parking lot and to his immediate right.

A large size SUV then appears on the adjacent street, the unknown male then gets into the SUV, Officer Jones pulls out in front of the SUV and the two (2) vehicles leave the location. In so doing, Officer Jones fails to make any contact or communication with the uniformed officers responding thereto regarding the felony that occurred in his presence.

Just as Officer Jones is leaving out of the alley, three (3) Detroit police officers are seen in the parking lot heading in the direction of where Officer Jones' vehicle just left. This is the same area in which the shooter and another black male left the scene of the shooting.

Officer Jones proceeds to his residence located in Southfield, Michigan, changes his clothes, and returns to the parking lot of the Bar. When Officer Jones returns to the parking lot he has in his possession his Detroit Police

Department issued weapon, that being a model 22, .40 caliber Glock, which he is carrying in a Detroit Police Department cardboard carrier.<sup>1</sup>

At some point between Officer Jones exiting the parking lot, going home and returning to the parking lot his vehicle sustains major rear-end damage.

At the scene of the incident, thirteen (13) spent shell casings are recovered, eleven (11) shell casings from a .40 caliber weapon and two (2) shell casings from a 9 mm weapon.

In addition to his Detroit Police Department issued weapon, Officer Jones has two (2) other weapons registered to him, those being a model 27, .40 caliber Glock and a 9 mm Ruger. There is no requirement under the state law that requires an AR-15 to be registered.

There were no weapons recovered at the scene of the incident.

Subsequently, as a result of the consent to search executed at Officer Jones' residence, the AR-15 was retrieved.

The other two (2) weapons registered to Officer Jones have not been located.

Also, on that same date, a Gun Shot Residue Test (GSRT) was performed on Officer Jones, the results of which are pending.

Also, on that same date, a search warrant was executed for Officer Jones' blood to determine his blood alcohol level and whether any controlled substances were in his system, the results of which are still pending.

A request to prosecute has been submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, the decision of which is pending further investigation.

Based on the above circumstances, it is recommended that Officer Jones be charged with, but not limited to the following violation of the Detroit Police Department Rules and Regulations:

**CHARGE: CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER; CONTRARY TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS, THIS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE 2003 DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT MANUAL SERIES 100, DIRECTIVE 102.3 - 5.7, CONDUCT UNPROFESSIONAL, COMMAND 3.**

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<sup>1</sup> Officers have been advised not to use the Department issued cardboard carrier because of the number of accidental discharges that occur since there is a pin that must be affixed around the trigger to hold the weapon in place inside of the box.

Due to the seriousness of the conduct, I am requesting your concurrence with the suspension of Officer Jones **WITHOUT PAY**, effective November 3, 2005.

**Comm. Holley** asked is it correct that Officer Jones gave victim 1 an object that appears to be a handgun.

**Atty. Hooks** stated no it stated that Officer Jones sister gave an object to subject 1 that appears to be a handgun.

**Atty. Goldpaugh** stated he was provided a copy of the investigator report with a copy of a video (CD) around 1:00 pm. today.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked who recorded the video footage.

**Atty. Goldpaugh** stated there were videos cameras out side of the bar. It shows where Officer Jones and other individuals entering the bar around 1:50 am. Around 1:58 am there are individuals at the door trying to push their way in through the security guards. Officer Jones noticed this as he was leaving and identified himself as a police officer and asked them to leave. After a brief moment Officer Jones proceed to his vehicle and remove an assault rifle(AR-15). A confrontation is taking place between subject 1 and victim 1, and victim 1 appears to slap subject 1.

### **OFFICE CLOSING**

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, for Election Day. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, November 9, 2005.

### **CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
<b>2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1273</b>
<b>2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1377</b>

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of [25](#) cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted [5](#) cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned [11](#) cases to OCI.

**5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE**

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# *Detroit Police Department*

## *Report to the Board of Police Commissioners*

### ***“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”***

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*



### **SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

#### **Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement**

During the period of October 24th-October 30th, Narcotics /Gang Enforcement conducted 25 search warrants and 48 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 27 Felony arrests
  - 115 Misdemeanor arrests
  - 3 Juveniles detained
  - 952.6 Grams of cocaine, 194.8 grams of heroin, 27,427.1 grams of marijuana and 31 pills, street value **\$841,698.00**
  - **\$21,256.00** in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 19 Handguns

#### **Homicide**

On October 25th, officers from Homicide responded to the 90th block of Seward on a “Shooting” run. An investigation revealed that three (3) men in a green Cadillac pulled up to a house, produced weapons and demanded money from the home owner. When he refused the three men shot him multiple times, killing him. The men emptied his pockets and stole his jacket. Descriptions and identities were obtained on the men involved. **As a result of an investigation the men were arrested without incident for “Murder-First Degree,” “Robbery/Armed—Citizen” and “Assault with Intent to Murder.”** Further investigation disclosed that the three (3) men were also responsible for a similar robbery /shooting on October 16, 2005.

#### **Special points of interest:**

##### **• Next meeting:**

Thursday November 10, 2005  
@6:30 P.M.

**Kadesh Baptist Church**  
20361 Plymouth  
Detroit, MI 48228

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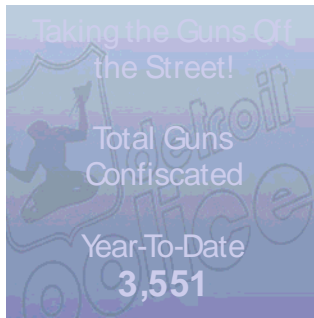
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#### **Violent Crimes Task Force**

On October 26th, an officer from the Violent Crimes Task Force, while on fixed surveillance, observed a man enter a home in the area of Amrad and Caldwell. The man exited the location a few minutes later armed with a handgun and began to walk towards the officer. **Subsequent to an investigation the man was arrested without incident for “Carrying Concealed Weapon—Person,” “Felony Firearm” and “ Violation of Controlled Substance Act.”**







#### Eastern District

On October 24th, officers of the Eastern District, responded to the 15000 block of Gratiot on a "Robbery Just Happened" run. An investigation revealed that a man walked into the bank and handed the teller a note demanding money or he would kill everybody in the bank and the employee's family. The alarm was activated and the man was apprehended by the bank manager. Subsequent to an investigation the man was arrested without incident for "Robbery." Confiscated was the money taken from the bank and the note handed to the teller.

#### Northeastern District

On October 28th, officers from the Northeastern District responded to the area of Yacama and State Fair on a "Shooting" run. The investigation disclosed that while walking home two male juveniles were approached by a group of older kids and an argument ensued at which point a young man pulled a weapon and began to shoot at them, striking one of them in the hand. Subsequent to an investigation the man was arrested without incident for "Assault with Intent to Murder," Felonious Assault and "Habitual 3rd Offense."

#### Central District

On October 28th, officers from the Central District responded to the 1200 block of Griswold on a "Robbery" run. An investigation revealed that while a man was at home an acquaintance came over and began to assault him and drag him into the hallway where the man took money from him. As a result of an investigation the man was arrested without incident for "Robbery/Unarmed—Citizen" and "Felonious Assault." Further investigation revealed the man was also responsible for other robberies in the area. area.

#### Western District

On October 24th, officers of the Western District, received information from the Latent Print Technician that a current print removed from a crime scene is that of a man wanted in connection with eleven Home Invasions that have been committed since October 2004. Subsequent to an investigation the man was arrested without incident for 11 counts of "Home Invasion 2." Further investigation revealed the man's brother was also involved in the crimes and was also arrested for his involvement.



#### Southwestern District

On October 24th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the area of John Kronk and Livernois on a "Shooting" run. An investigation revealed that while a man and his spouse were driving down the road, two (2) men pulled up next to them and fired one (1) shot into the window. The shots did not take affect, but the man and women suffered injuries from the flying debris. Subsequent to this investigation both men were arrested without incident for "Assault with intent to Murder."



#### Northwestern District

On October 29th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the area of Warren and Clayburn on an "Robbery/Armed—Citizen" run. An investigation revealed that while three (3) women were leaving a nightclub, two men approached them with a gun and put it to one of the women's head and demanded money and property. The officers broadcasted the description of the wanted men and as a result of their quick response both men were arrested without incident. Confiscated was one (1) handgun.

## **6. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT GRANT**

The State of Michigan Department of Community Health Crime Victim Services Commission has amended the Rape Counseling Center's Victim of Crime Assistance (V.O.C.A.) grant, for fiscal year 2005-2006. The additional funds will allow for the inception of a [Homicide Counseling Center](#). The previous amount requested and awarded was **\$522,494** and has been increased by **\$317,976** for a total of **\$840,470 in grant funding with a 20% in kind match.**

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked was there anyone here to answer questions for this grant.

**DC Tony Saunders** introduced Ms. Joanne Cooper-Reid who will be answering questions about the grant.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked if this is a new program for the Homicide Unit.

**Joanne Reid** stated yes, we are stepping in where SOSAD left off.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked how do you receive your referrals.

**Joanne Reid** stated we are housed in the Homicide Unit and we receive a copy of their Police Compliant Reports.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked what happens when a homicide occurs.

**Joanne Reid** stated we get a copy of the report and contact the victim and offer our services.

**Comm. Holley** asked what services do you provide.

**Joanne Reid** stated we provide crisis intervention, follow-up counseling, support groups and funeral arrangements for the family.

**Comm. Holley** stated SOSAD only dealt with children, but you are dealing with the entire family.

**Joanne Reid** stated that's correct.

**Comm. Holley** stated you are housed in the Homicide Unit. Are you representing the Police Department?

**Joanne Reid** stated this falls under the Detroit Police Department.

**Comm. Holley** stated the reason for the question is he wanted to know if the Police Department will benefit from this.

**Joanne Reid** stated yes.

**Comm. Holley** asked where will you get the 20% matching funds from.

**Joanne Reid** stated that the 20% matching funds comes from our staff. She stated we have 16 employees and 13 of them are supported by the VOCA grant.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated the match is in-kind.

**Joanne Reid** stated yes, that's correct.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated this is a great grant and we need that caring from the department.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked if the Rape Counseling Center, Domestic Violence Unit and the Homicide Unit are under the same umbrella.

**Joanne Reid** stated the umbrella is the Detroit Police Department Rape Counseling Center. She stated we have Social Workers at the Domestic Violence Unit to support those victims. With this grant we will have Social Workers within the Homicide Unit.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked if they work with any other agencies.

**Joanne Reid** stated we collaborate as needed. We are working with Children's Hospital and Sinai Grace Hospital.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked how long do you provide individual or group counseling.

**Joanne Reid** stated with sexual assault victims, we provide counseling for as long as it is needed. With Homicide counseling, we will assess the situation, but we will go beyond six weeks.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated the reason she asked about the relationship with other agencies is because of individuals with limited English.

**Joanne Reid** stated we utilize Open Arms. There is also an agency for victims of murdered children that has staff who are bilingual and we use them as well.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated there is also La-vida.

**Joanne Reid** stated we use La-vida too.

**Comm. Okdie** asked what are the credentials of the staff that perform these duties?

**Ms. Reid** stated all of the Social Workers have an MSW and are state licensed.

**Comm. Okdie** asked if they hired from the outside or if they police officers with these credentials.

**Ms. Reid** stated they are hired through the city of Detroit through civil service.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated this amended increase is to hire Social Workers and Victims' Advocates.

**Ms. Reid** stated yes.

**Comm. Hampton** asked this does increase the personnel.

**Joanne Reid** stated yes.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked is this to rehire any laid off Social Workers?

**Joanne Reid** stated yes. She stated there were two Social Workers laid off and we have one of them back and this will allow us to rehire the other one.

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to accept the above Grant.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Comm. Hampton** stated the Disciplinary Appeals Subcommittee has an amendment to the penalty recommended/approved in the matter of Officer Willie Steverson. Omitted was an order by the Trial Board that Officer Steverson not be assigned to the courtroom of the official with whom he had the "confrontation". He therefore proposed that the recommendation be amended as follows:

**Recommendation:**                    **Uphold the decision (finding of guilty and order) of the Trial Board, but reduce the suspension to one day without pay.**

**MOTION:**     **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the above Recommendation.

**SECOND:**     **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**        All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated there is a proposed new hire. There are three individuals that we are putting forth who will be hired as Police Commissioner Investigators assigned to the Office of the Chief Investigator.

**Comm. Holley** asked where is the money coming from.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated it is within our budget.

**Comm. Holley** asked are we going to bring back the people we laid off or are these new hires.

**Exe. Dir. Goss** stated new hires.

**Comm. Holley** asked why aren't we looking at the people we laid off.

**Exe. Dir. Goss** stated because of personnel reasons that we cannot discuss at this time.

**Comm. Holley** asked if he was being over sensitive.

**Comm. Okdie** stated "No, I don't think so. "

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated we will table this for now and revisit it with the Personnel Subcommittee.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, October 27, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters, Room 328-A  
1300 Beaubien  
Detroit, MI 48226

**9. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**Ms. Walters** stated she was horrified when she watched a man being beaten by the New Orleans Police Department. She stated she mentioned that because she wanted to link it to the grant that was approved. She would hope those officers get invited to a treatment agency and not wait until they figure out that they have a problem.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**